

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 528

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the 94th Annual Convention of Phi Theta Kappa.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should welcome those national organizations that travel to the Volunteer State to hold their annual conventions; and

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa is one such national organization that will be holding its 94th Annual Convention in Nashville, April 12-14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, founded by college presidents in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest student academic honor society in higher education, providing validation of scholastic excellence and opportunities for student success and inducting approximately 125,000 of the best and brightest community college students each year; and

WHEREAS, the organization includes more than 1,275 chapters in eight sovereign nations and territories; and

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa has partnerships with 725 colleges and universities, offering transfer scholarships valued at \$37 million to members, and an additional \$41 million in scholarships is available to All-State Academic Team members; and

WHEREAS, annually, the organization awards scholarships totaling \$1 million for associate and bachelor degrees and for student and faculty development; and

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa is leading the charge for college completion as the only student organization invited to sign a national Call to Action to double the number of college credentials in ten years; and

WHEREAS, in order to boost college completion rates, the organization has developed CollegeFish.org, a transfer planning and completion platform, and Competitive Edge, a student development plan; and

WHEREAS, Phi Theta Kappa also provides an Honors in Action program for members to conduct honors-based research into problems, learn leadership skills to develop an action plan, and make a difference through service; and

WHEREAS, the Phi Theta Kappa convention theme for 2012 is “Be a Star”; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,800 community college student leaders, faculty, alumni, and administrators will gather in Nashville to celebrate the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship, to recognize excellence, and promote student success and credential completion; and

WHEREAS, during the Annual Convention in Nashville, Phi Theta Kappa will present approximately 500 Hallmark Awards honoring members, advisors, alumni, and administrators for outstanding contributions; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in the value of higher education, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations and acknowledge this singular organization of young people as they visit Nashville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby welcome the Phi Theta Kappa 94th Annual Convention to the great State of Tennessee, honor and commend this outstanding organization for its tireless efforts in promoting higher education, and extend to its members our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.